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In re Application of:

Satoshi Suzuki et al

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For: URETHANE COMPOSITION FOR SHEET TRANSPORT ROLL, AND SHEET TRANSPORT ROLL PRODUCED BY EMPLOYING THE URETHANE COMPOSITION

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.132**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Satoshi Suzuki, Hitoshi Yoshikawa, Yoshihiro Wago, and Keita Shiraki, all citizens of Japan, hereby declare and state the following:

1. We are co-inventors in the above-identified patent application.
2. We have read and are familiar with the above-identified patent application as well as the Office Action of September 10, 2002, in the application.
3. In the subject application, a procedure set forth on lines 11-13 of page 13 and relates generally to how hardness is determined. This passage states:

"The hardness is measured with a load of 9.8 N by means of a durometer of Type A."

4. In describing each of the Examples set forth in the subject application, the procedure set forth on lines 14-17 of page 19 relates to how hardness is determined. This passage states:

"The surface hardness of each of the sheet transport rolls was measured with a load of 9.8 N by means of a durometer of Type A."

5. We hereby state that; in the above, the hardness was determined in accordance with Japanese Industrial Standard K 6253:1997 - Hardness testing methods for rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic."

Each undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 21 day of November, 2002.

Satoshi Suzuki  
Satoshi Suzuki

Signed this 22 day of November, 2002.

Hitoshi Yoshikawa  
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Signed this 22 day of November, 2002.

Yoshihiro Wago  
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